



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 25, 2019

TOGETHER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 25, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Volunteer, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins, page B7 at 9:50am, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. To You we owe our hymn of praise, O God on Zion; To You our vows must be fulfilled, You Who hear our prayers. To You all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds.

R. We are overcome by our sins; only You can pardon them. Happy the chosen ones You bring to dwell in Your courts. May we be filled with the good things of Your house, the blessings of Your holy temple!

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 1, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Psalm: Ps 40:2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins, page B7 at 9:50am, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Exposition/Benediction.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

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Upcoming...

- **August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 27: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa.**
- **August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist.**
- **September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 2: Labor Day.**
- **September 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 11:30 only.**
- **September 9: Solemnity - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- **September 11: 18th Anniversary of 9/11/2001.**
- **September 14: Solemnity - Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**
- **September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 16: Solemnity - Holy Mother of Sorrows (translated).**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Discount entry fee?

I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them

Our first reading starts out and ends so hopeful. God is going to gather together many nations and peoples. There is to be no exclusivity in His kingdom. God's glory will be proclaimed by these many peoples, and they shall gather others into the family of God. From among all these people, God will raise up priests and Levites from all people, not from some families.

Indeed, this hopeful message is what has been proclaimed by our Holy Church from its first days on Pentecost, when people of many nations and languages came to faith in Jesus Christ. This hope filled message was music to the ears of the downcast, the poor, widows,

orphans, slaves, anyone in any sort of bondage, particularly sin bondage. The Church thrived amidst persecution, with people entering each week, to learn about the message of Jesus (and study over 3 years before being allowed full participation).

People heard the hopeful message of Jesus in the streets, in homes, from the mouths of His followers. Jesus' followers could not help but speak of Him and what He offered. By their work and words, people came to be saved.

What does Jesus offer? He offers inclusivity for those who come to Him in faith, who believe on Him with their entire being. He includes those who seek freedom by confession. He offers eternal promise and inheritance. The things and ways of the world are broken and without value. God came Himself, for them, to set them free. They were worthwhile children and coheirs.

We have to ask ourselves: In the midst of torture, prosecution, potential loss of life (and long study), in the midst of an everything and anything goes pagan culture, where I can have whatever I desire, why did the hope of Jesus, the Messiah, resonate so deeply. Why were people willing to sacrifice all to have Jesus? This was the way it was for nearly 500 years! And more came to Jesus every week. More and more sought His community - the Church.

Today, we live in a neo-pagan culture. The old ways are back. What we forgot for 1500 years is real again. We are called to reassess, to see there is no cheap entry fee. We will not just get by. We are the *sign among them* - the world. We are therefore called to live faithfully, speak boldly, and offer what is priceless to all.

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1 Peter 2:7-8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16-17

MONDAY: Titus 3:5

TUESDAY: 2 Timothy 4:5

WEDNESDAY: Romans 13:4

THURSDAY: Romans 8:1

FRIDAY: Acts 5:29

SATURDAY: Matthew 16:1-4

Pray the week

Lord, Grant that I may not seek cheap entry to Your kingdom, but rather that I live and offer Your priceless way of life no matter the cost.

Coffee Hour Planning

We will be restarting our regular coffee hour following 9:30am Holy Mass on BACK TO CHURCH Sunday, September 15th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please take a moment to volunteer to provide for coffee hour. Remember - fancy and supersized not necessary - only to be loving.

CALL to Special Synod

The Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church is calling a Special Synod for the Polish National Catholic Church to convene at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Friday, October 25, 2019. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect Candidates for Bishop.

Pre-Synod Prayer

Lord Jesus, You commanded Your Apostles to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. You have called bishops to succeed the Apostles continuing the Apostolic ministry. May our bishops keep watch over the faith, unity and order of Your Holy Church. Their inheritance is the faith of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and believers of every generation who have looked to God with hope; may our Bishops and those to be elected as Candidates for Bishop, preserve that inheritance. Bless Your servants, our Bishops and those who will be Candidates for Bishop, whom You call to the fullness of the priesthood, so that Your grace may shine forth in their character and conduct. Strengthen them that they may be devoted shepherds and true examples for the flock entrusted to them. This we ask in Your precious Name. Amen.

TOGETHER!

September 15th is fast approaching - 4 weeks away. We are joining TOGETHER to increase church attendance and fellowship. The most amazing and wonderful things about us is our togetherness in Jesus' work. This year's Back to Church goal is a 25% increase in the number of regular worshipers. Keep in mind, this effort starts in prayer. It then blossoms with the realization that this is not an event put on for us. Rather, it is an opportunity for everyone to invite those we care about to church. Stay tuned for the videos we will be showing here in church and on the web. They tell of the power that comes from what we do; how lives are changed when we come TOGETHER. Thank you for taking and putting out lawn signs.

Did you know: Time

Each Sunday we enter into something remarkable, transcendent, and miraculous. In the Eucharistic celebration - really only available to the baptized - the Chronos of human/world time is subsumed into the Kairos of God's time. We enter, in the Eucharistic prayer, everlasting time. In this few moments, we are taken out of time into God's ever-present moment. We live in the presence of creation, the ministry, the cross, the resurrection, the Ascension, and the return. In this taste of the everlasting moment of Kairos, we are trained and prepared to enter the eternal kingdom that is our communal inheritance in Jesus. Receive and realize.

Of note . . .

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. We will resume coffee hour in September.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a reconstituted branch 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

--- *And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.* ---